

Troopers Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash – Port Penn



Port Penn, Delaware – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a motorcycle that occurred west of Port Penn.

The preliminary investigation has determined a motorcycle crash was reported today at 2:56 p.m., where a 2011 Harley Davidson motorcycle Fat Boy Lo was operated by a 55-year-old male of Port Penn. He was traveling eastbound on Port Penn Road and was approaching a curve in the roadway where it intersects with Pole Bridge Road. Port Penn Road eastbound at this location has a gradual curve to the left before straightening out leading towards Port Penn. The operator failed to negotiate the curve in the roadway and traveled off of the south edge of the roadway. The motorcycle then entered into a ditch just west of a private driveway on Pole Bridge Road. The ditch ends abruptly at the west edge of this driveway and caused the motorcycle to become airborne. The

motorcycle proceeded airborne across the private driveway and then landed in another ditch east of the private driveway. The operator, who was not wearing a helmet, was ejected.

The operator, 55 of Port Penn, sustained fatal injuries as a result of the collision and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Speed is considered a contributing factor at this time. Impairment is unknown at this time. The identification of the victim is pending notification of next of kin.

This collision was reported today by a nearby resident who discovered the collision. It is unknown at this time exactly when the collision occurred. There were intermittent roadway closures while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Breen of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8486.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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